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Amendments to the Claims:

Please CANCEL claims 1-9.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (canceled).

10. (new) An apparatus for decoding and recording contents included in a digital broadcast that further includes a copy control code, the apparatus comprising:

a tuner in communication with a plurality of recording apparatuses and configured to decode the digital broadcast; and

a control section in communication with the tuner and the plurality of recording apparatuses, and configured to extract the copy control code from the digital broadcast, and cause one or more of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record the content in response to the copy control code.

11. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the control section is further configured to cause one or more of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

12. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the control section is further configured to cause one or more of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied more than one time.

13. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the plurality of recording apparatuses includes a first recording apparatus and the control section is further configured to cause the first recording apparatus to record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

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14. (new) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the first recording apparatus includes one of an optical drive and a video tape recorder.

15. (new) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the plurality of recording apparatuses further includes a second recording apparatus and the control section is further configured to cause the second recording apparatus to record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied more than one time.

16. (new) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the second recording apparatus includes a hard disk drive.

17. (new) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the plurality of recording apparatuses further includes a second recording apparatus, and the control section is further configured to cause the second recording apparatus to record the content simultaneously with the first recording apparatus when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

18. (new) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the second recording apparatus includes a hard disk drive.

19. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the plurality of recording apparatuses include first, second, and third recording apparatus, and the control section is further configured to cause any one of the first recording apparatus, second recording apparatus, first and second recording apparatuses, and first, second and third recording apparatuses to simultaneously record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

20. (new) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the first recording apparatus includes an optical disk drive, the second recording apparatus includes a video tape recorder, and the third disk drive includes a hard disk drive.

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21. (new) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the control section is further configured to cause the third recording apparatus to record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied more than one time.

22. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the control section is further configured to delete a portion of the content according to a predetermined rule and cause one or more of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record a remaining portion of the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

23. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the content includes a commercial message portion and a non-commercial message portion, and the control section is further configured to cause one or more of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record the non-commercial message portion of the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

24. (new) The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein the control section is further configured to cause one or more of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record the content when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied more than one time.

25. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the content includes sound data and the control section is further configured to secure two sound streams, record the sound data into one of the sound streams, and fill the other sound stream with a stuffing bit when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.

26. (new) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the control section is further configured to inhibit recoding into a partially erased and previously recorded area of a recording medium of the plurality of recording apparatuses when the copy control code indicates that the content may be copied only one time.